

# Camping and Houseboating

## The Basics

- You need a boat to camp in the park. All overnight sites are accessible by water only. Car camping is available at the nearby Woodenfrog & Ash River state forest campsites and at private campgrounds.
- All individual campsites in the park are free. There is a \$35 per night fee for group campsites.
- A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park.

Between May 15 and September 15, tent and houseboat camping within the park is limited to 14 days at a specific site, and 30 days in a calendar year.



*Know where you can go!*

**Campers and houseboaters may not stay overnight in the following locations:**

- At day-use sites
- Within 200 yards of an occupied tent, houseboat, or day use site
- On private or leased land
- Within 1/4 mile of any park developed area (e.g. visitor center)
- Within 1/4 mile of any structure

Tent campers use tent sites. Tent campers may not stay overnight in houseboat sites or day use sites. Day use is allowed at unoccupied tent sites until 2:00 p.m.

Houseboaters use houseboat sites. Houseboaters may not

stay in tent sites or day use sites. Day use is not allowed at houseboat sites because there are no toilets.

Overnight docking is permitted at Kettle Falls, but no overnight docking is permitted at park visitor centers.

All sites, except the group campsites and the Voyageurs Narrows accessible campsite are occupied on a first-come/first-served basis. No reservations are available.

It is illegal to leave unattended property at an overnight campsite for 24 hours or longer.

Developed campsites have tent pads available. No digging, trenching, or leveling is allowed in the park.

Obey all site closure signs. Closures are established to protect sensitive areas and visitor safety.

Maximum group sizes are designed to provide enjoyable conditions for visitors and to prevent campsites from being degraded. See list below for specific limits.

Small tent sites – 9 person maximum

Large tent sites – 18 person maximum

Houseboat site – 2 houseboat maximum

Group tent sites – 30 person maximum

## Be Fire-Safe!

2007 is expected to be a dry, high-risk year for wildfires.

Use a camp stove or build campfires in established fire rings.

Never leave a fire unattended. Drown and stir all campfires with water to be sure they are out cold. If ashes are still warm to the touch they may still start a fire.

Collecting wood for campfires is allowed only if the wood is DEAD and DOWNED. Do not cut down any tree in the park, living or dead, for firewood.

Please do not bring firewood into the park from outside of the immediate area. Gypsy moths, emerald ash borer, and other pests that endanger forest health may be hiding in your firewood. Please help us protect forest health, purchase firewood locally or collect dead and downed wood in the park. Ask at the park visitor center for more information.

See page 10 for more information.

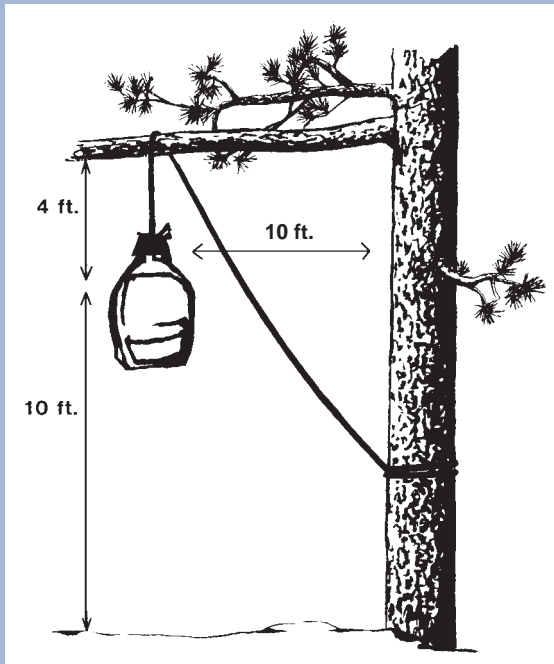
## Voyageurs National Park is Bear Country

Store all food, garbage, scented items and equipment used to cook and store food in a vehicle, vessel, metal food storage locker, or hung 10 feet high and 10 feet out from a pole or tree (see diagram). This regulation applies throughout the park.

Secure food in metal lockers at developed campsites or hang high from a tree where a locker is not provided. Stop by a park visitor center for more information on how to store food properly in bear country to discourage bears from making your meal their own.

Coolers will not protect food from bears. Black bears are strong, and placing a rock or other heavy item on top of your cooler will not keep them out.

Improperly stored food has drawn black bears to campsites on several occasions, often resulting in property damage and an increased risk to human safety.



## Group Campsites

*Do you need a campsite for 14 to 30 people?* If you said yes, then we have two new group campsites that are just what you need! One site is on Rainy Lake near the west entrance to the Brule Narrows. The other site is on Kabetogama Lake just east of Cuculus Island. The group campsites have a wheelchair-accessible core area.

- Reservations are required from June 4 – September 30, 2007. The sites are available on a first-come/first-served basis during the rest of the year.
- Reservations may be made online at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by calling 1-877-444-6777
- Advanced reservations may NOT be made at park visitor centers.
- Fee: \$35 per night
- Maximum group size is 30 people.
- Wheelchair accessible upon request.

If your group size is 14 to 30 you may stop by the park's Rainy Lake or Kabetogama Lake visitor center to see if a group campsite is available for use on that day.

Need more details? Stop by a park visitor center or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya)

## Camping Permits

- A free permit is required for all overnight stays in the park.
- Permits are not required for day use.
- Permits are available at park visitor centers and adjacent to all park boat launch ramps. Permits are also available at the Woodenfrog State Forest and Crane Lake public boat launch ramp.
- Only one permit for each party (individual or group) per stay is required.
- Your permit must be displayed at your campsite – on your tent, food locker, or houseboat.
- Park rangers may visit your site and ask to see your overnight permit. Failure to possess and display a valid overnight permit may result in a citation.
- Permits are not a reservation for a campsite! All campsites are first-come/first-served with the exception of the group campsites and the accessible campsite at Voyageur Narrows.



## Accessible Campsite

Site N41 at Voyageurs Narrows is an accessible campsite available by reservation only. Call 1-888-381-2873 at least one week in advance to request a reservation for use of this site.

Stop by a park visitor center for more information, or visit our website at [www.nps.gov/voya](http://www.nps.gov/voya).



## State Forest Camping

Are you looking for a place to car camp while visiting the park? Two Minnesota state forest campgrounds are located near the park. For more information, call (218) 365-7229 or visit [www.dnr.state.mn.us/state\\_forests/index](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_forests/index)

## Woodenfrog Campground

Located on the shores of Kabetogama Lake, the Woodenfrog Campground provides a wide range of amenities. Fees apply.

- Drive-in campsites: 61
- Accessible campsites: 2
- Picnic sites: 10
- Restroom facilities
- Boat launch ramp
- Swimming Beach
- Nature trail

## Ash River Campground

This small campground is located near the park and the resort community of Ash River near Kabetogama Lake. Fees apply.

- Drive-in campsites: 9
- Accessible campsites: 1
- Picnic sites: 2
- Restroom facilities
- Near boat launch ramp